

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OF THE NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE JANUARY 14, 2025, MEETING

Note: This document does not include all items incorporated in the NCAA Division I Council report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of the October 7-8, 2024, Report of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The committee reviewed and approved the report of its October 7-8 in-person meeting.
- 2. NCAA Division I Governance Update. The committee received an update on Division I governance-related topics including the comprehensive review of eligibility-impacting rules for student-athletes. The committee also received an update regarding the legislative priorities approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors that limit the focus of committees in the Division I governance structure following the 2025 NCAA Convention through July 31, 2025. Further, a preview of the Convention Business Session and Issues Forum was provided.
- **3. Legal Update.** The committee received a privileged and confidential update from the office of legal affairs.
- 4. Membership Issues.
 - Membership Landscape. The committee received an update on recent membership movement, other relevant issues and an update on institutions currently in the reclassifying process.
- **5. Single-Gender Institution Discussion.** The committee discussed current Division I membership requirements, the history and philosophy of single-gender institutions participating in Division I athletics.
- 6. Comprehensive Review of Membership Requirements. The committee received an update on the comprehensive review of membership requirements. Subject to NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee approval, the committee recommended that a focused review of Division I membership requirements be conducted.
 - a. **Institutional Reclassification Process for Institutions in Divisions II and III to Division I.** The committee discussed feedback received on NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-66. The committee also reviewed and supported a proposed amendment to the proposal by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics. The committee discussed potential processes and timelines for proposed benchmarks for the updated Division III and Division II to Division I reclassification process and the

benchmarks that would apply if the proposal were adopted. The committee also reviewed elements of the draft question-and answer document related to the proposal.

- **b.** Review of Application for Single-Sport Conferences. The committee reviewed and approved an updated application for new single-sport conferences seeking to apply to Division I membership beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.
- c. Failure to Meet Membership Requirements. The committee reviewed current NCAA Division I regulations related to failure to meet Division I membership requirements including probation, restricted status and removal from membership. The committee agreed to continue to evaluate membership accountability measures as part of the ongoing comprehensive review of membership requirements, subject to NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee approval.
- 7. NCAA Agent Certification Update. The committee received an update on the NCAA agent certification program and reviewed and supported a legislative relief waiver requesting that NCAA-certified agents be permitted to provide training expenses to Division I men's basketball student-athletes without negatively impacting student-athlete eligibility.
- **8. Core Guarantees and Attestations Process Update**. The committee received an update on recent developments related to education, final statistics from fall 2024 attestations, and future education plans in preparation for the 2025 attestation season.
- **9. NCAA Division I Institutional Performance Program.** The committee received an update on the Division I Institutional Performance Program.
- 10. Health, Safety and Performance Update. The committee received an update on the health, safety and performance work of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport. Specifically, CSMAS continues to support implementation of the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices through development of education and resources, it is working to host a summit on responsible use of performance technologies later this Spring and it continues to discuss the health and wellbeing considerations around sports betting. Finally, the committee noted that the <u>Injury Surveillance Program data requests process</u>, which has been under moratorium since 2018, will reopen on January 20, 2025.
- **11. Association-wide Committee Reports.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed the following reports:

- a. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports September 16 meeting report.
- b. Committee on Women's Athletics September 26 and October 23 meeting reports.
- c. NCAA Honors Committee Meeting Report.
- d. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee September 26 and November 18 reports.
- e. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics September 27 joint report.

12. Review of future meeting schedule.

- April 2025 (videoconference, date to be determined by committee).
- June 2025 (videoconference, date to be determined by committee).

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Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance

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Attendees:

Nicole Arrighi, Tennessee State University.

Jason Cable, Alabama State University.

Timothy Coffey, Longwood University

John Currie, Wake Forest University.

Robin Harris, The Ivy League.

Lisa Liotta, Canisius University.

Quinn Millerd, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Jennifer Phillips, James Madison University.

Jennifer Strawley, Elon University.

Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference.

Absentees:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Troy Arthur, Geoff Bentzel, Jenn Samble, Angela Tressel, and Jerry Vaughn.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Morgan Adcock, Haydyn Gibson, Ethan Hite, Corey Jackson, Keke Liu, Greg Pottorff, Alex Purcell, Anne Rohlman and Darin Van Vlerah.